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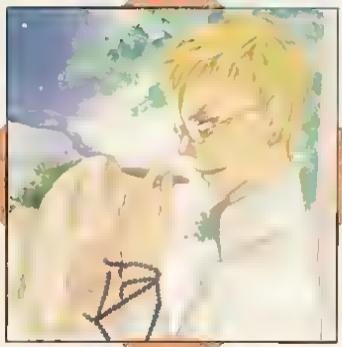
KOHRI NO MAMONO NO MONOGATARI GAIDEN



ICHISUKI Comics

百年舞台、人形劇。
―氷の魔物の物語 外伝―
Blood and Night
-Hundred Years Puppet Show-

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GRAB
NIGHT!
NIGHT!
WE CAN'T STOP.
RAH
RAH
RAH
NIGHT!
NIGHT
WHAT IF THEY DID
ENOUGH! HE'S GONE!
SHOW ME THE TEMPLE THAT WOULD LET A DEMON LIVE!
AFTER BEING TAKEN TO THE HIGH PRIEST?
WE DON'T KNOW THAT; HE MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE.
THE LEADER IS ALREADY DEAD.

NIGHT.
THEN I CURSE HIS LIFE...!
IF THE LEADER LIVES
OR RATHER, THERE ARE TEN THOUSAND MORE LIKE IT
...THAT THING NO LONGER EXISTS

FROM THAT TIME IT SEEMS
APPROXI-MATELY
A HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO
.....TH T C VEON
HE'S IN THERE

ARE YOU SURE?
I'M SURE
THINK HE'S SLEEPING?
NO WAY TO TELL.
SLEEPING?
WELL THEN- WE COULD JUST PULL THE DOCKS DOWN, NOW, COULDN'T WE!
IDIOT! THAT'D KILL HIM, TOO
TOO MUCH TROUBLE
IF HE'S ASLEEP, KILLING HIM WOULD BE FINE, RIGHT?
...WHO IS IT OKAY TO KILL?
GULP!

UWA!
LEADER!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
.....!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO PLAN THINGS LIKE THAT,
AT LEAST DO IT WHERE NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU
THIS IS THE STUPIDEST YET. NO MATTER HOW MANY IDIOTS YOU MANAGED TO GET TOGETHER, YOU'D NEVER HAVE ENOUGH BRAINS AMONG YOU TO PULL IT OFF.
GO HOME.
WHY NIGHT?!
OR MAYBE YOU DON'T MIND EVERYONE DECIDING TO KILL YOU!!
WHY DO YOU LET HIM STAY IN THE NORTH!!

EP

SHATTER
YOU CAN'T EVEN GET PAST ME
AND YOU EXPECT TO KILL A -FULL- BLOOD-?

UH-...
DAMN IT!
UWA!
PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND YOUR ASSO-CIATES
I'LL OVERLOOK IT THIS TIME, IF YOU LEAVE THIS SECOND!
YOU REALLY DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
WHAT HAPPENED?
OH- IT WAS NOTHING
-:LEADER:-

HMPH.....

...ARE YOU NE!?
AND HE EXPECTS US TO JUST SIT HERE AND TAKE IT?!
HE GIVES PRIORITY TO SOME GUY WHO JUST SHOWS UP WITHOUT NOTICE
HE SAID IT WAS BECAUSE HE WAS A [FULL-BLOOD] DEMON.
IT WAS ONLY A FEW NIGHTS AGO
WHEN HE CAME, WITHOUT WARNING.
AAW DAMNIT!!
NIGHT MAKES ME SICK!!
THERE IS NO WAY I'LL EVER CALL THAT GUY "LEADER"!!
KILL ME ..?"
"IF YOU ARE
CAN YOU

NOBODY ELSE HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS "LEADER", BUT THAT'S NO EXCUSE!
HE'S NOT "LEADER".
I'M THROUGH CALLING THAT GUY "LEADER".
YOU THINK MAYBE HE CAN'T?
NIGHT'S NEVER GONE TO KILL HIM.
THE "FULL-BLOOD" PART IS PROBABLY REALLY ONLY BLOOD ANYWAY-
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO KNOW IF HE'S STRONG OR NOT?
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S LETTING US TEST HIM OR ANYTHING! DAMN!
STUFF!
HMM?
WHAT'S THAT!
IT'S A SWORD
MAYBE IT FELL
OH, THAT'S... THAT GUY HAD IT
"THAT GUY"?

LOOK, IT'S THE SAME AS HIS HAIR
AAH...
WHAT'S THIS
IT'S COVERED WITH BLOOD
PROBABLY FROM SOME DEMON HE KILLED ON HIS WAY HERE
BLOOD, HUH?
I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO DRINK A FULL-BLOOD'S BLOOD.
HEY- THAT'D BE PRETTY GOOD I BET!
IT'D PROBABLY MAKE YOU STRONGER, DON'T YOU THINK?
SOUNDS DELICIOUS
HOLD IT, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN KILL HIM OURSELVES.
AND NIGHT'S THERE, TOO
JUST 'BLOOD', RIGHT?
THAT MEANS WE DON'T HAVE TO KILL HIM FIRST
WHAT IF WE JUST MADE IT SO HE COULDN'T MOVE?
AH- YEAH, THAT SOUNDS BETTER!
.. AND JUST WHO IS GOING TO DO THIS?
AH- NOT ME!
ME EITHER!
YOU GUYS
WELL, WHAT IF WE ALL WENT, THEN?
NIGHT WOULD JUST CHASE US OFF LIKE LAST TIME!!
OKAY THEN, WHAT IF WE PULLED THE ROCKS DOWN ON HIM
I SAID THAT TWICE ALREADY!
WELL, THAT WOULD BURY HIM, NOW, WOULDN'T IT!?
IDIOT-TALK
EP

THIS
EH?
WHAT IF
WE MADE A DEMON?
WHY DON'T WE MAKE A DOLL OUT OF THIS BLOOD?
DEMON BLOOD ALWAYS WANTS TO RETURN RIGHT?
YOU MEAN? A MESSENGER?
WELL, YOU KNOW, AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR US
WELL, THEN, 'MOVING FLESH' IS ALL THEY'LL CATCH.
IF IT'S JUST MOVING FLESH, WON'T IT BE TOO CRUDE TO USE?
ITS SHAPE WON'T BE ALL THAT GOOD, YOU KNOW
WILL THAT BE ENOUGH TO HOLD HIM?
INTERESTING.
SHOULD BE INTERESTING.
I WONDER WHAT THAT'S GOING TO DO
HMM--SEVERAL DEMONS' BLOOD MIXED TOGETHER
SOME MUD, TOO.
LET'S MIX OUR BLOOD WITH THIS, TOO.
NICE!
AH--IN THAT CASE,
THERE'S NO REASON FOR THEM TO SUSPECT US!

BUT KEEP IT QUIET.
YOU ARE
"NE!"
I'M "NIGHT"
PLEASE CALL ME THAT
[LEADER]
YES.
THAT IS
WHAT I AM?
BE-CAUSE YOU ARE MY LEADER
WHY ARE YOU
ALWAYS HERE?
EP

I'M NIGHT
AND YOU ARE?
I WILL BE YOUR SER-VANT.
SER-VANT?
YES
I WILL DO ANY-THING YOU ASK.
THEN TRY TO KILL ME
GRAB!
HUGGH!
-YOU CAN'T DO IT.
HE'S PERFECT!

BEAUTIFUL DEMON
...YOU REALLY ARE HAPPY, AREN'T YOU?
WHAT IF I AM!?
BEAUTIFUL EYES
BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN HAIR
THE STRENGTH OF A FULL-BLOOD
S...IN OTHER WORDS YOU'RE SAYING YOU LIKE HIM?
YES, I'M SAYING I LIKE HIM!
HE'S IDEAL! THE PERFECT FORM, AND STRENGTH!
HE'S MY IDEAL MASTER!
AND BESIDES
HE'S STRONGER THAN ME. SO
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD KILL HIM!
WELL, I SUPPOSE
INNOCENT
SINCE THAT'S SO, YOU SHOULD GATHER THE NORTH TOGETHER VERY SOON, AND DECLARE YOUR INTENT
IT'S JUST THAT THERE WILL BE SOME WHO RESENT HIM.
IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH ME
ARE YOU AGAINST IT, BEIS?

"DON'T KNOW MUCH", YOU SAY..
ISN'T IT ENOUGH? HIS BEING A FULL-BLOOD, AND HIS OBVIOUS ABILITIES
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH!
NO WAY
WE STILL DON'T REALLY KNOW MUCH ABOUT HIM SO
DON'T GO INTO DEPTH
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS LET THEM SEE A FULL-BLOOD'S TRUE POWER FOR THEM-SELVES
I'LL CONVINCE THEM
WELL THE OTHERS STILL HAVEN'T RECOG-NIZE HIM AS LEADER, HAVE THEY?
ONE DAY
EVERY DAY, THE STIRRINGS IN MY HEART
ARE ADDED TO THE STORE ALREADY IN MY MEMORY
TWO
THREE
FOUR

EP

SMILE
NIGHT
TODAY
IS THE FIFTH DAY SINCE THAT BEAUTIFUL DEMON CAME
LEADER!
TO-DAY,
WHY DON'T WE GO OUTSI-DE
AH
THAT'S
THE -FULL- BLOOD-
THAT MUST BE
Whispers

EP

I WILL NOT LIFT A HAND AGAINST THOSE WHO ACCEPT THIS.
ANY-ONE WITH A COM-PLAINT, COME HERE NOW!
IF ANY OF YOU THINKS HE CAN TAKE THE LEADER' DOWN, THEN
LET HIM SPEAK...!
OF COURSE, THIS IN-CLUDES MY RULE OVER YOU!
WHAT I CON-TROL OF THE NORTH, I WILL HAND OVER TO HIM
WELL? WHAT DO YOU SAY?
FROM NOW ON, I PLAN TO CALL THIS DEMON LEADER'

AN 'ANNOUNCEMENT'?
RIGHT NOW NIGHT IS
IN THE MIDDLE OF ANNOUNCING THAT GOLD-HAIRED DEMON
HE'S CALLING HIM THE "NEW LEADER"
HMM
WHAT ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE?
DOESN'T LOOK PROMISING
NIGHT AND THE 'FULL-BLOOD' HAVE GOT THEM SCARED
NOBODY ELSE IS GOING TO GO AGAINST THEM.
AH..
I SEE.
WELL, THIS IS NO FUN SERIOUSLY
THAT GOLD-HAIRED GUY IS SNEAKY YOU CAN SEE IT IN HIS EYES
YECH
AND A "FULL-BLOOD" ON TOP OF THAT
LET'S HURRY UP AND FINISH THAT THING

WELL?
HOW'S IT LOOK?
COME ON WON'T YOU GROW FOR ME?
YOU MEAN IT ISN'T GROWING?
WELL, EVEN SO, BY THE END OF THE DAY...
WELL DONE WELL DONE
HUH?
WHOOSH
POP
POP
POP
POP
IT GOT BIG SO FAST...
WHAT IN-
WHAT THE- SO FAST
WHO A...

!
THE BLOOD THAT WAS ON THE SWORD...
OLD BLOOD AND MUD
I DIDN'T ADD ANY-THING!
HEY! YOU! DID YOU ADD SOME-THING WEIRD TO THAT?
COULD IT BE
THE 'WEST', HUH?
THEN HE PROBABLY KILLED A WESTERN DEMON ON HIS WAY HERE, RIGHT?
THAT GUY CAME FROM THE 'WEST', DIDN'T HE?
AND WHOSE BLOOD WAS THAT?
HE COULDN'T HAVE KILLED ONE OF THOSE ON THE WAY HERE, COULD HE?!
A "BLACK SPIDER"

!!
ああ
AAAAAHHH!!
!?

RUNNING!
!
?
ASH! NIGHT!
I'M SORRY- UM
WHAT HAP- PEN ED ?!
HUH?
HELP..
SEIS!
HEY YOU, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE
CRASH
CRASH
WHAT IT?
THAT SOUND
CRASH!!
!!

IS THAT YOUR DOING!!
WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO DO!
WHAT IS THAT THING!!
WHAT IS THAT
!?
A "BLACK SPIDER" !?
UM, WELL- SOME HOW
A LITTLE OF THE BLOOD THAT GOT IN THERE MIGHT HAVE ACCIDENTALLY COME FROM A BLACK SPIDER
WHY AND HOW IS THAT THING HERE, THEN!
WHAT!?
WE JUST MIXED SOME BLOOD AND FLESH TOGETHER, TO MAKE A DOLL
N - NO!
UWA!!
I'M- REALLY- SORRY, I'M- REALLY- SORRY, I'M- REALLY- SORRY
.....!!

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT THAT THING...
BAND
NIGHT, COME ON! THIS WAY!
CAN'T YOU AT LEAST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR OWN LIVES?
!
YOU EXPECT ME TO HELP YOU NOW?
WHAT?
NIGHT
CRACKLE
ZA
ZA
AAH!
NIGHT! COME! LET'S FOLLOW!!
ZAH!
FOR THE MOMENT, EVERYONE--RUN TO HIGH GROUND!
!
GONE!?
THE LEADER IS
CRACKLE

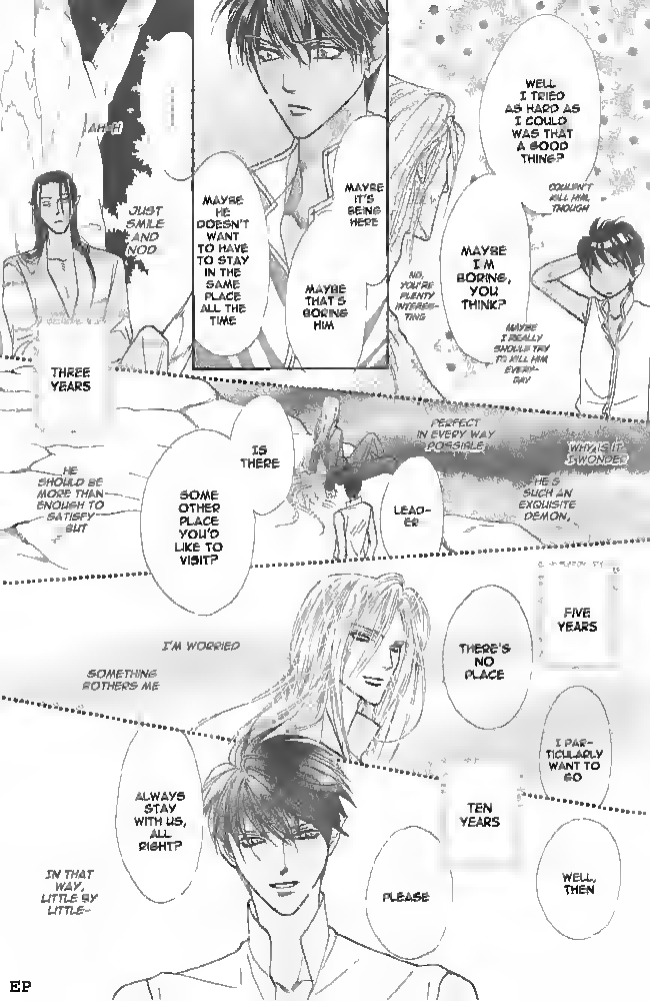
EP

!?
RUMBLE
HISS...

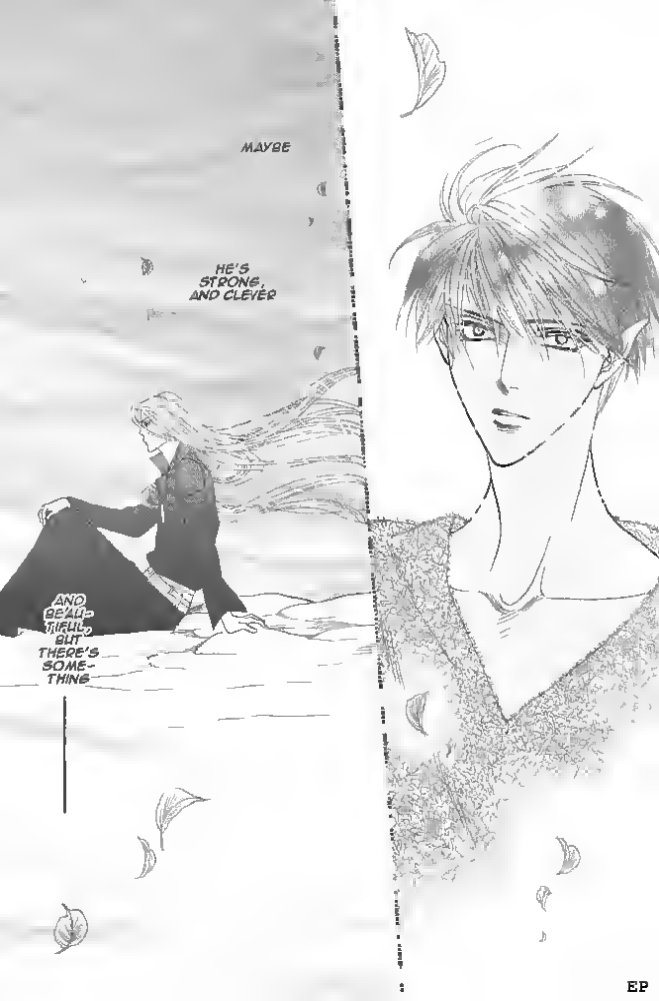
LEADER ...!!
REALLY REALLY SORRY
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY
(HOT'S —)
YOU STUPID
!
TEN DAYS LATER
LEADER
LEADER
TWENTY DAYS
ONE MONTH
LEAD-ER

ONE YEAR
LEADER
WHY DID YOU COME TO TOEI?
...I MET A DEMON FROM THE EAST ON THE ROAD
HE SAID IN THE NORTH
THERE WAS A STRONG DEMON.
EH?
I'D SEE IF YOU COULD KILL ME
I THOUGHT, IF IT WAS YOU
WHY.....?

...SOREO.
TWO YEARS
THE LEADER
I WONDER WHAT HE'S ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT
'SOREO', HE SAID
WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT? WAS HE REALLY LOOKING FOR A DEMON WHO'D BE STRONG ENOUGH TO KILL HIM?

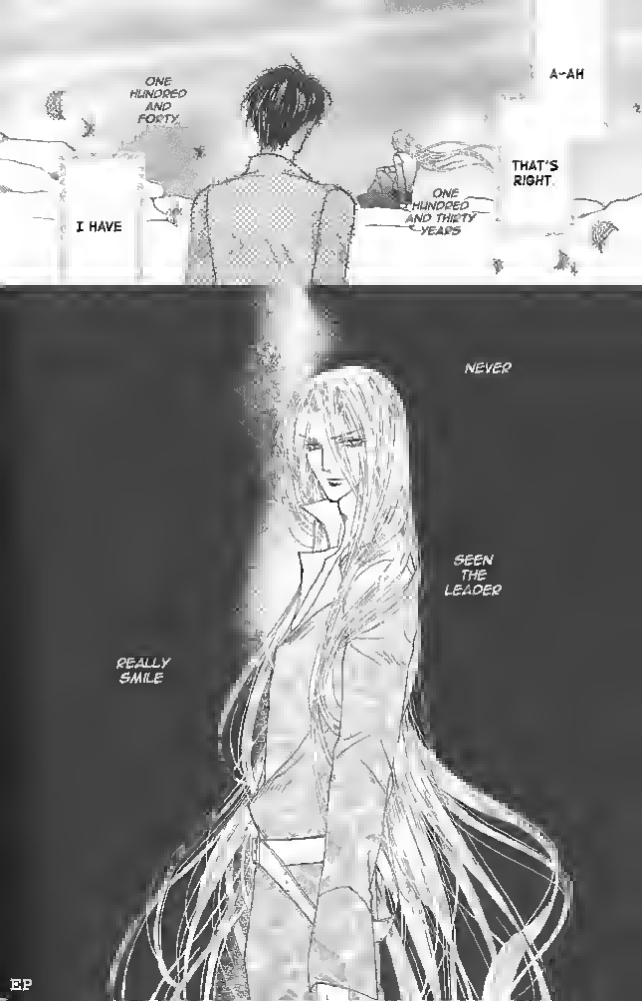

AH-H
JUST SMILE AND NOD
MAYBE HE DOESN'T WANT TO HAVE TO STAY IN THE SAME PLACE ALL THE TIME
MAYBE IT'S BEING HERE
MAYBE THAT'S BORING HIM
THREE YEARS
WELL I TRIED AS HARD AS I COULD WAS THAT A GOOD THING?
COULDN'T KILL HIM, THOUGH
MAYBE I'M BORING, YOU THINK?
NO, YOU'RE PLENTY INTERESTING
MAYBE I REALLY SHOULD TRY TO KILL HIM EVERY-DAY
PERFECT IN EVERY WAY FOR SMILE
WHAT'S IT S'WONDER?
HE SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO SATISFY— BUT
IS THERE SOME OTHER PLACE YOU'D LIKE TO VISIT?
LEAD-ER
HE'S SUCH AN EXQUISITE DEMON,
FIVE YEARS
I'M WORRIED
SOMETHING BOTHERS ME
THERE'S NO PLACE
I PAR-TICULARLY WANT TO GO
ALWAYS STAY WITH US, ALL RIGHT?
TEN YEARS
IN THAT WAY, LITTLE BY LITTLE—
PLEASE
WELL, THEN

WHAT AM I WORRIED ABOUT, ANYWAY?
TWENTY YEARS
MAYBE I JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND----
THIRTY YEARS
WHERE HE ALWAYS IS, OF COUR-SE.
UP TO...
WHERE'S THE LEAD-ER?
FORTY YEARS
A HUNDRED YEARS


MAYBE
HE'S STRONG, AND CLEVER
AND BEAUTIFUL, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS
NIGHT
SEIS
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU NEED?
LATELY
HE'S MOODY
NO JUST THIS
I FOUND IT, BUT I DON'T WANT IT KILLED.
BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TO SEE
WHAT?
DOWN
"DOWN"?
DOWN
What ...the...
HEY HE CAME BACK
LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN RAISED BY HUMANS
I'VE GOT SOME FREE TIME SO I THOUGHT I'D SEE IF HE GETS ANY BIGGER
SINCE HE'S MINE, DON'T KILL HIM

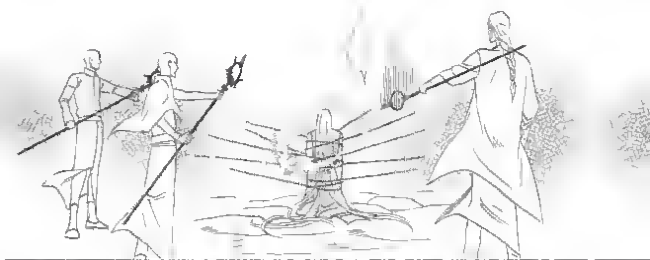
PA
OH, IT'S NIGHT
HEY, BOY, LOOK-- IT'S YOUR PAPA
SO--- YOU MADE THIS THING WITH A HUMAN WOMAN WITHOUT MY KNO-WING?
No. 1
I ONLY FOUND IT, I SAID!!
OF COURSE HE WAS LISTENING
MAYBE THE STRESS IS GETTING TO HIM
WHO IS HIS PA-//
LOOK
THINK I SHOULD GIVE THIS TO THE LEADER, THEN, SO HE DOESN'T GET LO-NELY?
LISTEN WHEN PEOPLE SAY THINGS!!
STILL LISTENING; HE'S JUST BEING ORNERY
GRIN
NIGHT
KID SMILES A LOT, THOUGH, DOESN'T HE
HE'S BEEN RAISED AS A HUMAN CHILD, POOR THING!
KYAI KYAI
THERE'S SOMETHING KINDA OFF-PUTTING FUNNY THERE
DON'T KILL HIM
NO, SIR.

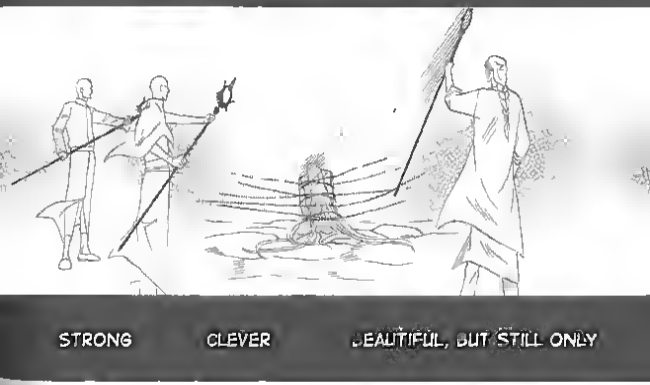

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY
I HAVE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY YEARS
THAT'S RIGHT
A-AH
NEVER
SEEN THE LEADER
REALLY SMILE

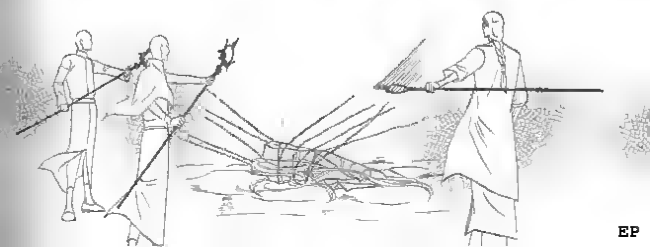
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS
IT'S THE TEMPLE!!
THE LEADER HAS BEEN-?!
IM POS-SIBLE!
HOW
NIGHT!!
THE LEADER S BEEN TAKEN -!!
IT'S POINTLESS, BLOOD
YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN SPLASHED BY THE BLOOD OF THE PRIEST YOU AT-TACKED
EVEN IF IT WERE SPRIN-KLED ON YOU-
ONLY SPRINKLED YOUR STRENGTH WOULD BECOME USELESS

BARRIER!
LEAD-ER!!
!!
EVEN AGAINST THAT, YOU HAVE NO POWER!!
ALL OF YOU GET BACK!!
LEADER!!
LEADER

BORED.
[OF LIVING]


THAT WAS
A PUPPET

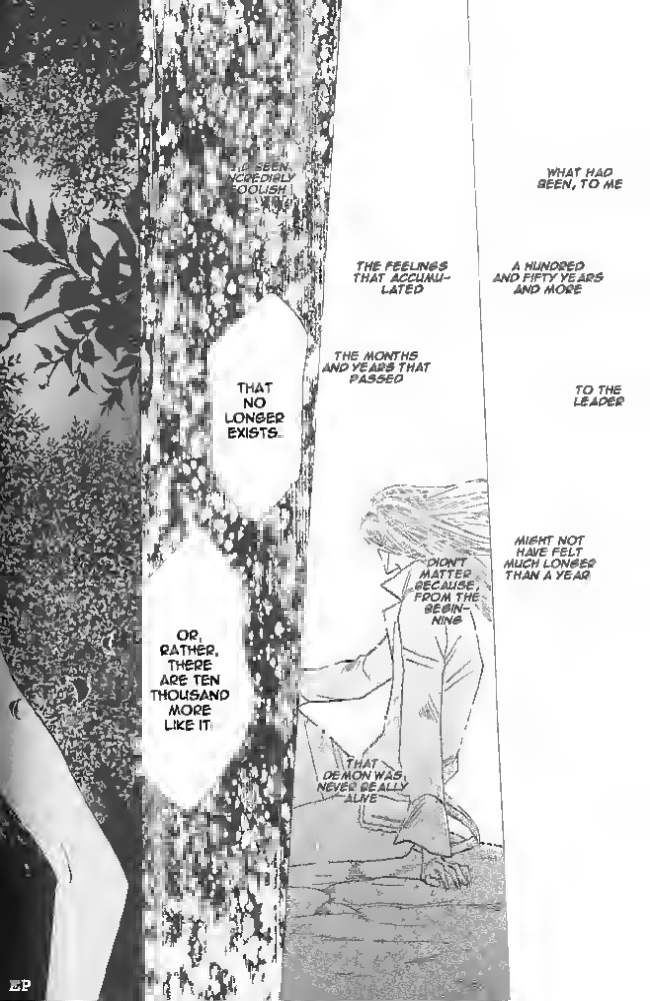

STRONG
CLEVER
BEAUTIFUL, BUT STILL ONLY



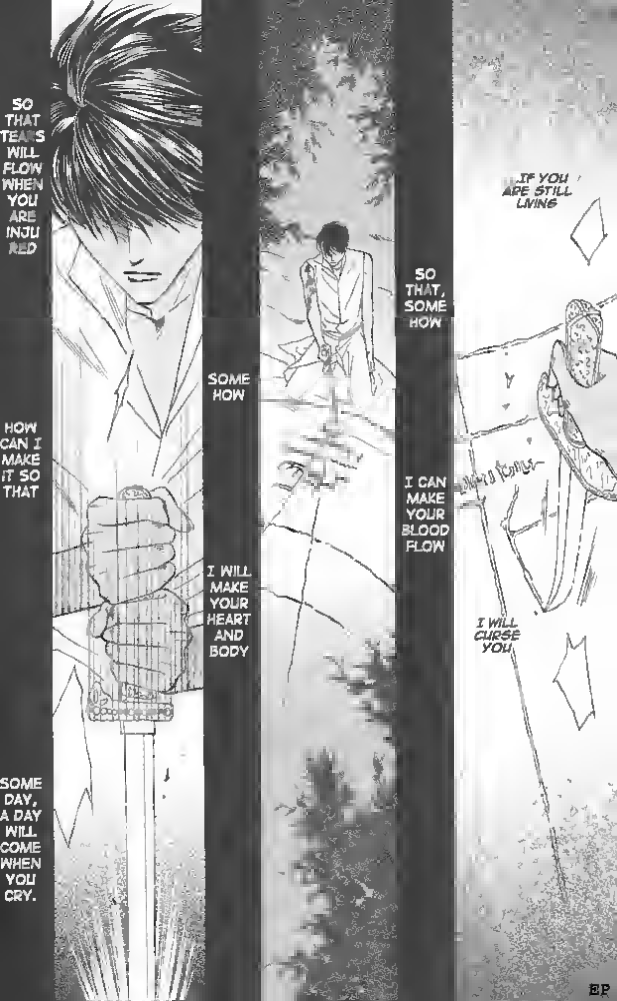
A LIE.
NIGHT.
WE CAN'T STOP
NIGHT!!
!!

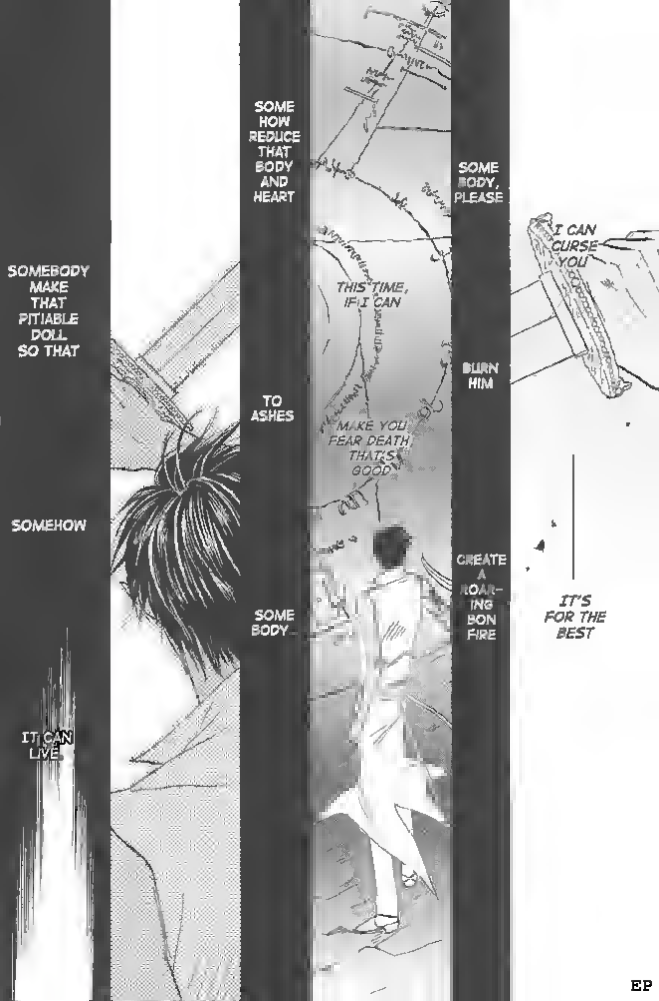
NIGHT
WHAT IF THEY DID
ENOUGH! HE'S GONE!!
AFTER BEING TAKEN BY THE HIGH PRIEST?
SHOW ME THE TEMPLE THAT WOULD LET A DEMON LIVE!
WE DON'T KNOW THAT. HE MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE.
THE LEADER IS ALREADY DEAD!
WHY SHOULD WE STOP?
NIGHT
IT'S FINE IF WE ONLY MAKE ANOTHER COPY... ANYTHING WE CAN MAKE WILL BE JUST AS GOOD!
NIGHT, LISTEN TO YOURSELF.
YOU'RE SAYING HE WAS A DOLL! THE LEADER!
THAT IS DONE!
SO DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD MAKE A NEW "LEADER"?
NIGHT
FROM THE VERY BEGINNING HE WAS A PUPPET!
I CONTROLLED HIS HEART AND EVERYTHING ELSE, RIGHT TO THE END!
THAT'S RIGHT, A DOLL.

ALIVE, DEAD
SO LET'S GO
THAT'S FINE, ISN'T IT? IF THE LEADER IS NO LONGER HERE
FROM THE BEGINNING, THAT DIDN'T MATTER!
THERE'S NO SENSE IN WAITING
THAT'S ALL HE EVER WAS!!
BECAUSE THAT WAS A PUPPET!!
I HAVE NO PATIENCE LEFT FOR WAITING!
I WAS THE ONE PULLING THE STRINGS!
I ONLY NEEDED THAT THING TO FOOL PEOPLE!!
TRYING TO MAKE HIS HEART MOVE WAS A WASTE OF TIME.
THE ANGER I FELT WAS BEYOND UNDERSTANDING
NIGHT
THE HATRED THE MEMORIES BROUGHT


WHAT HAD BEEN, TO ME
A HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AND MORE
THE FEELINGS THAT ACCUMULATED
TO THE LEADER
THE MONTHS AND YEARS THAT PASSED
MIGHT NOT HAVE FELT MUCH LONGER THAN A YEAR.
DIDN'T MATTER BECAUSE, FROM THE BEGINNING
THAT DEMON WAS NEVER REALLY ALIVE
THAT NO LONGER EXISTS.
OR, RATHER, THERE ARE TEN THOUSAND MORE LIKE IT.

IF THE LEADER STILL LIVES
NIGHT
THEN I CURSE HIS LIFE!!
STAB


SO THAT TEARS WILL FLOW WHEN YOU ARE INJURED
HOW CAN I MAKE IT SO THAT
SOME DAY, A DAY WILL COME WHEN YOU CRY.
SOME HOW
I WILL MAKE YOUR HEART AND BODY
SO THAT, SOME HOW
I CAN MAKE YOUR BLOOD FLOW
IF YOU ARE STILL LIVING
I WILL CURSE YOU


SOMEBODY MAKE THAT PITIABLE DOLL SO THAT
SOMEHOW
IT CAN LIVE
SOME HOW REDUCE THAT BODY AND HEART
TO ASHES
SOME BODY
THIS TIME, IF I CAN
MAKE YOU FEAR DEATH, THAT'S GOOD
SOME BODY, PLEASE
BURN HIM
CREATE A ROAR-ING BON FIRE
I CAN CURSE YOU
IT'S FOR THE BEST

EP

Koori No Mamono Gaiden

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IF,
IN DOING SO
YOU MAKE THAT
DEMON ABLE TO
SMILE
EVEN A
SMALL SMILE,
A BEAUTIFUL
ONE, FROM
THE HEART
EVERYTHING
WILL HAVE
BEEN WORTH-
WHILE
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